

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] Figure 4Bb is a cross-sectional in-mold view of the modular door trim panel assembly in accordance with the present invention; and

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] The molded substrate is further defined by a plurality of terminal edges, namely a top terminal edge 54 adjacent a window 26, a pair of side terminal edges 56, 58 depending from the top terminal edge 54, and a lower terminal edge 60 extending between the side terminal edges 56, 58. The terminal edges 54, 56, 58, 60 may be formed to include any predetermined shape to improve the aesthetic or ergonomic quality of the vehicle interior 14. By way of example one side terminal edge 56 includes a curvature to accommodate an armrest 38 within the trim panel assembly 10. As shown in Figures 2-3, the terminal edges 56, 58, 60 include a predetermined contour, generally indicated at 62. The contour 62 includes a touchdown area 63 adjacent the vehicle door 16 and is typically employed to conceal the B-side surface 50 of the molded substrate 42 from the interior 14 of a vehicle 12 ~~where a seal, manufactured in a separate mold process is employed,~~ as commonly known in the art. However, for improved aesthetic quality of the interior 14 of a vehicle 12, it is preferred that the foot height and foot width of the contour 62 be as small as possible to provide the least amount of visibility on the A-side surface 46 as possible.